

Senate District H

Berta Gardner, Democrat



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NAME OF SPOUSE: Mike Gardner

CHILDREN'S NAMES: Cassandra, Jared and
Dillon – all Anchorage
School District graduates.

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 20 years

EDUCATION:
B.A. Psychology, U.C. Riverside

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Alaska State House of Representatives, 2004-present
Rogers Park Community Council, Former President
Tudor Area Community Council, Vice-President

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Small Business Owner
Child Advocate
Bookkeeper

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
PTA Boards at three schools
Bridge Builders
Court Appointed Special Advocate

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Fishing, traveling, singing – and enjoying all the great things Alaska has to offer.

OTHER:

I started out in public service as a mother and volunteer concerned about our children. Working through our neighborhood PTAs, I supported after-school safety programs and worked hard to ensure our children had important learning resources.

Most importantly, I have been a professional advocate for children in state custody, working to safeguard abused and neglected children.

Our neighborhoods have always been important to me. I lobbied on behalf of our neighborhoods to solve traffic, zoning and public safety issues.

STATEMENT:

I came into politics wanting to stand up for our families and neighborhoods – and one way we do this by promoting a healthy economy and good jobs.

My priorities are to:

- Develop Alaska's **resources for the benefit of all Alaskans.**
- Make **smart investments now** in neighborhood roads, schools and drainage.
- Target incentives to **put more oil in the Pipeline.**
- **Support local education funding** that is steady and predictable, including UAA.
- **Protect our Permanent Fund.**
- Secure municipal revenue sharing to **reduce our local property taxes** and maintain services.

Most importantly, I believe good government rests on the basis of **OPENNESS and INTEGRITY.**

A legislator's most important responsibility is to make state government work for the people represented. I pride myself on working to understand and listen to my community – regardless of party affiliation, your political opinion, or who you are. I pledge to be available to and responsive to my constituents.

I'm Bertaand I am still listening.

I would be honored to have your vote!

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